

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 2 and 4 cancelled. In particular, the allowable features of claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1. Support for the amendment to the preamble of claim 1 can be found, at least, in paragraph [0009] of Applicants' specification.

Entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; (c) does not add any additional claims; and (d) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 4.

The rejection of claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over either JP 56-86645 or JP 2-165859 in view of JP 59-110455, has been rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Scott M. Schulte
Registration No. 44,325

JAO:SMS/axl

Date: June 29, 2006

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461
--